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9. [ ] Met with Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and left with him a copy of OSR's memorandum on the Aviation Week article entitled "Soviets Poise Three-Front Global Drive" of 5 November. McConnell will return this to me after he has had a chance to look it over in detail.

I briefed McConnell on our contacts with Senator Symington, Acting Chairman, Senate Armed Services Committee, since last Friday with respect to the Helms' memorandum of 28 June 1972.

I left with McConnell and Pete Bonner, of the Committee staff, copies of the Middle East Atlas. Both men were very much interested in the Atlas and said they were very glad to have it. McConnell commented that he thought this was the kind of thing that we should distribute on a fairly broad basis, but at the same time he felt we should keep a "low profile" in doing so. He specifically mentioned distributing it to libraries and colleges and I told him I thought this was being done. I used this opportunity to raise with McConnell the question of whether he thought the Agency would be criticized for the misuse of appropriated funds for disseminating information like this within the United States. Both he and Bonner said that there would always be someone criticizing us no matter what we did, but he thought if we did this kind of thing quietly and professionally, we shouldn't worry about relatively minor adverse criticism.

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10. [ ] Picked up from the office of Senator Howard Baker (R., Tenn.) a letter from the Senator to Mr. Colby. This letter forwarded a copy of Andrew St. George's column in the November issue of Harper's magazine entitled "The Cold War Comes Home." The Senator asked the Director for his comments on the chapter "Supplanting the CIA" and also asked for his response to seven questions which were enclosed.

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11. [ ] Received a call from Joel Merkel, on Senator Jackson's staff, regarding the draft language for insertion in Senator Nelson's resolution to establish a Joint Committee on Domestic Intelligence Activities. We discussed the possibility of making a general reference in the resolution excluding from the Committee's jurisdiction domestic investigations conducted pursuant to statute, executive order and regulation. Merkel is going to send me a copy of the language he proposes for our review and comment.

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